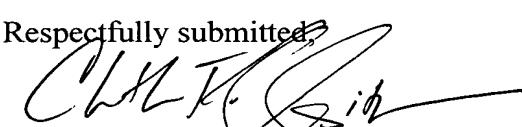


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependency or to further sharpen the claim language. No new matter has been added.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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